

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Currently Amended) A code translation method comprising the steps of:  
receiving an input code stored in a hierarchical data structure, the input code including  
a parameter related to the amount of data encoded [[by]] in the input code,  
user data at a first level of the hierarchical data structure, and  
main data at a second level of the hierarchical data structure; and  
generating an output code stored in the hierarchical data structure by modifying the input  
code, by  
moving the user data to a third level of the hierarchical data structure, and  
changing the parameter to reflect the change in code size effected by the moving;  
wherein the main data included in the output code is identical to the main data included in  
the input code.
  
2. (Currently Amended) The code translation method of claim 1, wherein  
the hierarchical data structure conforms with the ISO 13818-2 standard;  
the parameter related to the amount of data encoded [[by]] in the input code is one of a bit  
rate value, a VBV (Video Buffering Verifier) buffer size value, and a VBV delay value; and  
the main data comprises compressed video data.
  
3. (Previously Presented) The code translation method of claim 2, wherein  
the first level of the hierarchical data structure is the Group of Pictures (GOP) layer; and

the third level of the hierarchical data structure is the picture layer.

4. (Previously Presented) The code translation method of claim 2, wherein  
the first level of the hierarchical data structure is the picture layer; and  
the third level of the hierarchical data structure is the Group of Pictures (GOP) layer.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The code translation method of claim 1, further comprising the step of  
generating additional information for distinguishing the user data included in the input code from  
the other main data,

wherein generation of the output code is advanced according to the additional  
information.

7 - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A code translation device comprising:

a data analyzing section adapted to identify in an input code stored in a hierarchical data structure a parameter related to the amount of data encoded [[by]] in the input code, user data at a first level of the hierarchical data structure, and main data at a second level of the hierarchical data structure; and

a multiplexing section which produces an output code in which the input code is modified such that by moving the user data is moved to a third level of the hierarchical data structure, changing the parameter is changed to reflect the change in code size effected by moving the user data, and including the main data included in the output code, is identical to the main data included in the input code.

12 - 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The code translation device of claim 11, wherein the hierarchical data structure conforms with the ISO 13818-2 standard; the parameter related to the amount of data encoded [[by]] in the input code is one of a bit rate value, a VBV (Video Buffering Verifier) buffer size value, and a VBV delay value; and the main data comprises compressed video data.

15. (Previously Presented) The code translation device of claim 14, wherein the first level of the hierarchical data structure is the Group of Pictures (GOP) layer; and the third level of the hierarchical data structure is the picture layer.

16. (Previously Presented) The code translation device of claim 14, wherein  
the first level of the hierarchical data structure is the picture layer; and  
the third level of the hierarchical data structure is the Group of Pictures (GOP) layer.